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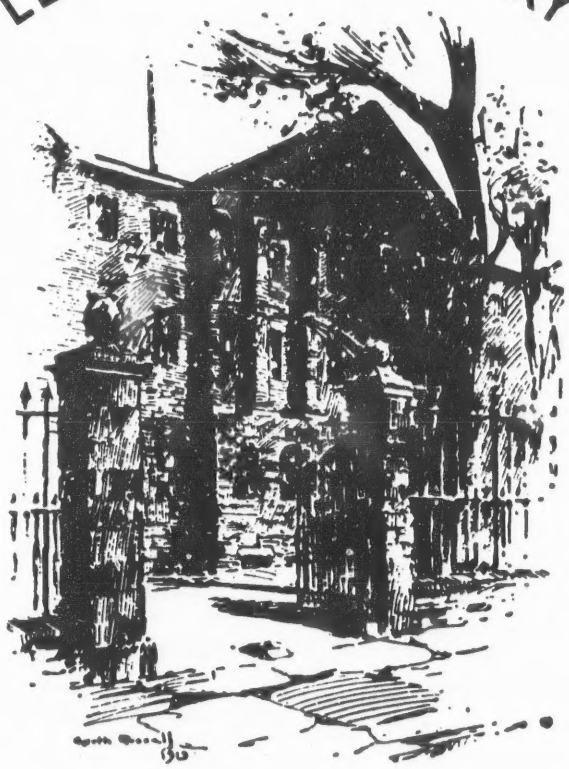

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CONSTITUTION

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OF THE

PICTOU YOUNG MEN'S

Christian Association.

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R. J. GRIFFITH.

PREAMBLE.

We, the subscribers, being desirous of advancing the intellectual and spiritual condition of the Young Men of this town, unite to form an Association to promote these objects. Meeting together as Christians and brethren, on the common platform of the Bible, and laying aside —to strengthen our union—all sectarian or denominational differences, we will endeavor, as far as in us lies, to cultivate feelings of true piety and religion among ourselves, and in all those to whom our influence may extend, therefore adopt, for our government, the following Constitution.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1st.

That this Association be called the "PICTOU YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION."

ARTICLE 2d.

That the objects of the Association shall be:

First—The improvement of the intellectual and spiritual condition of young men.

Second—The formation of a suitable Library and Reading Room.

Third—Rooms and accomodation for social Prayer Meetings.

Fourth—Courses of Lectures on religious subjects, as well as secular having reference to religion, and the employment of *every other* available means whereby the increase of vital religion may be promoted.

ARTICLE 3d.—MEMBERS.

The members of this Association shall consist of four

kinds, viz: Active, Associate, Honorary, and Life Members.

Any man who is a member in good standing of an evangelical church may become an *Active* but not an Associate member, by payment, in advance, of Ten Shillings annually. Active members only shall have the right to vote and be eligible to office; and it shall be their particular duty to carry out the objects of this Association.

Any man of good moral character may become an *Associate* member, by the payment, in advance, of Five Shillings annually. Associate members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association, except those of voting and being eligible to office.

Any member of this association, or any person eligible for membership, may become a *Life* Member by the payment, at any one time, of Ten Pounds currency.

The several Ministers of the evangelical churches in this town, for the time being, shall be *Honorary* Members of this Association.

ARTICLE 4th.

The officers of this association shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, Librarian, and a standing Committee of five, comprising, as far as possible, members of each evangelical denomination, all of whom shall be chosen annually, by ballot. A nominating Committee of one Active Member from each denomination represented in the association, to recommend the names of persons for all the above offices, shall be appointed annually by the association, and at

least at one quarterly meeting previous to the annual election.

ARTICLE 5th.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

It shall be the duty of the President, or one of the Vice Presidents, to preside at all public meetings of the association.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify members of the time and place of meeting, attend the same, to notify all officers of their election, to keep a fair and complete record of the transactions of the association; shall be the organ of the society in its correspondence with other associations, and shall retain copies of all letters written by him.

The Treasurer shall collect and pay all monies of the association, under direction of the committee, shall keep a correct account of the same, and shall report, whenever required to do so, to the committee, and to the association at least once a year.

It shall be the duty of the Librarian to keep in order all books and documents of the association, to keep a correct catalogue of the same, and an accurate account of all books delivered to its members.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to manage all the affairs of the association, decide on all applications for membership, and take whatever steps may be necessary for the promotion of the objects of the association.

ARTICLE 6th.

All meetings of the association and of the committee shall be opened and closed with prayer and singing.

ARTICLE 7th.

That no proposal to alter or amend any part of this Constitution shall be entertained, without having been notified at a previous meeting; and that no such proposal shall be carried except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

BYE-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1st.

The Prayer Meetings of this association shall be held on Friday evening in each week — the exercises to be arranged by the committee.

ARTICLE 2d.

Meetings for the transaction of the general business of this association shall be held on the first Thursday of the months of May, August, November and February. The May Meeting to be considered the annual one, at which the officers of the association shall be elected.

ARTICLE 3d.

The committee shall endeavor to procure the delivery of suitable lectures before the association once a month if possible, to which meetings the public generally shall be admitted.

ORDER OF EXERCISES

OF THE WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL MEETINGS.

1st. The exercises of the evening shall be opened at 7½ o'clock, with a short introductory prayer by the chairman, to be followed by the singing of a portion of a psalm or paraphrase selected by him.

2d. The chairman shall then call for prayer from any one present, after which, a portion of Scripture, which shall have been selected at a previous meeting, shall be read aloud by the chairman, who shall introduce the subject with a few remarks, and call upon any person present to express his views upon the same.

3d. At 9 o'clock, prayer, and singing a portion of a psalm or paraphrase.

4th. The appointment of a chairman, selected from the Active members present, to preside at the following meeting.

5th. Benediction, pronounced by the chairman, to close the meeting.

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